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Kirk In the News...

6/16/2009: [Lawmakers offer 'practical' health reform plan](#)

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Kirk Education Aid Reforms Are Now Law

Education Funding Improves for Many 10th District Schools Serving Military Families

Aid to Some Schools Boosted from \$600 to \$6,000 Per Student

Dear Friends,

This week, my Impact Aid reforms for 10th District schools were enacted into law. These reforms guarantee higher aid for schools in our area that have kids from military families. The Kirk Reforms boost funding for local schools and help families who wear our nation's uniform.

I could not have accomplished this alone -- we built an impressive coalition of mayors, led by **Michael Belsky** of Highland Park, **Kerry Cummings** of Glenview and **Leon Rockingham** of North Chicago. Backed by local school leaders in those communities, I authored and introduced our bill, H.R. 12, last January to give a specific form to our effort.

Backed by **Sen. Obama** with critical support from **Sen. Durbin**, we got these reforms enacted into law. Our reforms allow all military kids in the 10th District to count against North Chicago's total, ensuring that we get "Heavy Impact" Aid (\$6,000 per student rather than \$600) for all children from military families. This guarantees at least six million dollars per year for North Chicago schools and boosts Impact Aid to Highland Park/Glenview schools by a factor of ten for the next two years.



We have made other changes allowing local taxes on the structures of new DoD homes to support local schools, police and fire departments. *Bottom line: our reforms mean more funding for local schools and better homes for military families.*

On top of Congress approving \$99 million for our new veterans hospital, we have provided for local military families, veterans and retirees well this holiday season.

It is an honor to serve you in Congress.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Mark Kirk
Member of Congress

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